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Gentlemen:

Per the provisions of the Tunney Act of 1974, I'd like to register my dismay and strong disagreement to the proposed settlement of the Microsoft anti-trust case. It is a clear triumph of politics over law and makes a travesty of the legal process.

Microsoft was found guilty of abuse of its monopoly powers and that decision was affirmed on appeal. The proposed settlement is a slap on the wrist for a company whose predatory practices and continue to this day. Microsoft's defence appears to be based on the fact that to punish it would stifle innovation yet the bulk of its products, going back to the original MSDOS, were lifted from the work of others. If the Department of Justice were truly interested in upholding the law it would be seeking effective remedies such as the release of the Windows source code and/or the breakup of the company.

For shame!

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